

# The Spare Tire

*Palmetto A's of South Carolina*

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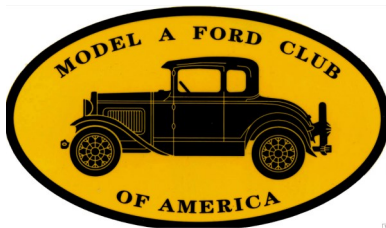
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**DUES! DUES! DUES! DUES!**

**Dues notices went out in mid-October!  
Please return the renewal form, along  
with your check, to the Palmetto A's  
PO box address!**





*Birthdays*

**Mark Temple - 6th**  
**Sharon Booth - 9th**  
**Joe Anderson - 16th**  
**Danny Austin - 28th**

*“A” Note from the President....*

Our October breakfast business meeting to present officer candidates for the coming year, 2025, was held at the Lizard’s Thicket on Elmwood Ave. downtown Columbia. In my absence, the meeting was conducted by Vice President Happy Begg. The slate of officers was presented as follows; President – John Cockerill, Vice President – Bruce Edge, Secretary – Debbie Areheart and Treasurer – Dick Fraser. There were no nominations made from the floor, therefore, according to our bylaws, the candidates presented will become our 2025 officers and no election will be necessary. Again, I commend these folks for stepping up to fill these positions and guide our club through the coming year. I also want to thank Cheryl Austin for continuing in the roll of Membership Director as well as she and Danny Austin as our Tour Directors. Also, I thank Dan Ward and newly appointed Tom Mack for their input as our Board Members at Large. After the breakfast meeting some members toured up to Prosperity for the Cars on the Square show and also enjoyed visiting Tom Mack’s car showroom located on the square.

Our November 16 meeting/tour we will depart from the Lexington Food Lion (748 W. Main St.) at 8:30. This will be a driving tour with a stop at Rinehart’s Oyster Bar in Augusta for lunch and take a different route on the way home.

Make sure your cars are **fueled up and don’t forget your walkie talkies!** I hope you’re looking forward a great day in our Model A’s!!! Let’s keep those members on our prayer list in our thoughts. We hope to see them rejoin us soon! Remember as always, if your “A” is in the “repair or restore shop,” you can still be part of the fellowship in your “modern.”

**So let’s dust’um off, gas’em up, and let’s go “Model A’ing!”**

*John Cockerill*

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*Treasurer’s Report, October 2024*

We continue to maintain a balance in line with the club budget as set and approved by the Board of Directors. All bills and receipts are processed promptly. The checkbook is balanced monthly with no discrepancies.

*Sunshine Report*

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan Buff, John Cockerill and Margaret Smith.

**Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are “FAMILY” and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.**

If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.







Down the Road

Is there a destination to which you would like to drive your Model A? Is there a lunch spot to which you would like to drive your Model A? Call or email Cheryl and Danny Austin at 803-351-5687, [daustin002@sc.rr.com](mailto:daustin002@sc.rr.com). They are looking for your ideas and input!



Palmetto A's Schedule for 2024

**November 16** - Depart from the Lexington Food Lion, 744 B West Main St, at 8:30 am. This will be a driving tour with a stop at Rhinehart's Oyster Bar in Augusta for lunch. We will take a different route home.

**December 7** - Holiday Tour at the Ruins, 10am to 3pm. We have been asked to display our cars at this event. A light lunch will be served to volunteers. We will meet at the McDonald's on Garners Ferry Road at 8:30am. Bring your chairs!

**December 14** - Palmetto A's Christmas Party at The Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Ft. Lawn. Depart from the Flying J Truck Stop, 5901 Fairfield Rd (just off of I-20) at 8:30am.

2025

January - Mystery Tour?

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES  
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

Other Events of Interest

2024

**December 11 - 14** - [MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by the Beehive A's and the Salty A's.](#)

2025

**April 3-5** - Charlotte Auto Fair Spring Meet

**June 15-22** - [MAFCA National Tour, Waynesboro, VA](#) Hosts: Dallas Chapter

**September 4-6** - Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet

**October 7-10** - Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show





## Jim's Tech Tips

### Pleated Paper Fuel Filter Elements

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.



But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and *Have a Model A Day!* Jim



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<https://www.mafca.com/videos.html>

MAFCA also has a YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3twKfHco40ySFBYpKzfl3A>

**MAFCA STAR PROGRAM**

The MAFCA Star Program is designed to reward our members who enlist new members for the club. It applies to all New Members, both free and paid. We are hoping that this small token will stimulate existing members to bring new members to the club. The 2024 Free MAFCA membership form in our [Members Only area](#) has been changed to identify the sponsoring **member** instead of chapter. When an application is received by the MAFCA office, a MAFCA Star decal will be sent to the sponsoring member. -- Jay McCord, Membership Director

MAFFI Minute, October 2024

Model A Friends,

Those of us in the snow belt are squeezing in all the driving time we can get before the “white stuff” shows up and those of you in the southern states are gliding into some cooler driving weather about now.

The commercial bus (see bus photo) made its debut at Model A Days; the bus is a work of art and a historically correct piece of Model A history ---thanks to many Model A’ers, especially Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer. From Model A Days in Gilmore, MI in September, the bus made its way to Hershey, PA in October where the headlines now read, “The Bus wins First Place Junior at Hershey Fall Car Show!”

Back at the Model A Museum grounds in Michigan, Red Grow’s Model A, Betsy, which was 2024 Sweepstakes car to help raise money for the museum expansion, was won by Neil Wingate of Lowell, Indiana. Thanks to all who participated in the sweepstakes and congratulations Neil!

Lastly, the expansion is moving along with the foundation in place. (see photo below). So much happening in the Model A world! Don’t you just love it!!

Happy Motoring!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



**Model A Ford Technical Questions**

Paul Shinn has gathered a group to help answer your technical questions about Model A’s. The group includes MAFCA’s current tech director and several past tech directors. You can email your questions and concerns to:

[ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com](mailto:ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com)

Who knows, you may even see your question answered in *The Restorer*!

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR MODEL A?**

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E 3783

E 3785—Frock. Sizes 14 to 46. 25 cents—1/-. Nothing is more wearable than a surplice frock, especially when it is accented with a contrasting collar as is this dotted wool model. The wrap-around skirt is new and important. (For fabric requirements see page 34).

E 3794—Frock. Sizes 14 to 42. 15 cents—9d. No wonder it's so popular, this gay little frock. It's very simple and easily made, but it's just brimming with new ideas—the scarf-collar, the yoke and the panel seams, for instance. (For fabric requirements see page 34).



E 3764 E 3794 E 3783



E 3776

E 3776—Frock. Sizes 34 to 48. 25 cents—1/-. Size 34 requires 2 3/4 yards 54-inch black material, 7/8 yard 39-inch white. Width about 1 1/2 yard. It's hard to tell frocks from coats this season, with their rever-like collars, button trimming and well-placed pleats.

E 3788—Frock. Sizes 14 to 42. 15 cents—9d. Pink crêpe is an outstanding fabric success for semi-tailored afternoon frocks of this type. The severe square neckline and unusual bodice treatment reveal its Paris inspiration. (For fabric requirements see page 34).



E 3788 E 3776



E 3764



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Company's Coming Casserole

- 1—16 oz can French cut green beans, drained
- 1—12 oz can white shoe peg corn, drained
- ½ cup chopped celdery
- ¼ cop chopped onion
- 1—2 oz jar chopped pimentos
- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cop sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper

Topping

- 1 cup ritz cracker crumbs
- ½ cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients except topping. Pour into greased 1½ quart casserole dish. Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle over casserole. Bake for 45 minutes. Serves 8.



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Due date for submissions  
for the December 2024  
issue is November 20th



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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

Model A Ford Club of America.

Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to *The Restorer Magazine* from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 and

Model 'A' Restorers Club

Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to the *Model 'A' News Magazine* from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award- winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.

The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets

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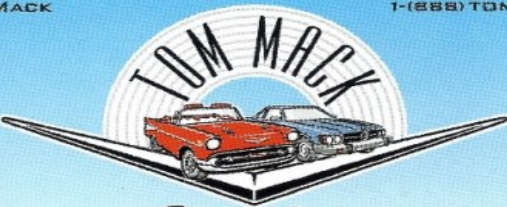
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